

## **In the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph starting on line 7 of page 5 of the original specification to replace:

"Handle 27 can also function to support" with "Handle 27 includes a forward portion 30a, a transition portion 41, and a hand graspable portion 30, which portions 30a, 41, and 30 are preferably rounded. The forward portion 30a extends forward approximately to the blades 24, is smaller in cross-section than the hand graspable portion 30, and houses";

"Handle 27 has a hand graspable portion 30 which" with "The hand graspable portion 30";

"The hand graspable handle 30 preferably extends upwardly as shown at reference character 41 in Figure 2" with "The transition portion 41 transitions between the forward portion 30a and the hand graspable portion 30 as shown in Figure 2, and cooperates with the forward portion 30a to provide a resting place for a user's index finger proximal to and just behind the blades 24 as shown in Figure 3. The portion 41 is preferably a smooth upwardly and forwardly sloping transition between portions 30a and 30 to provide a comfortable resting place for the user's index finger"; and

"Handle 30," with "handle 27", as shown below:

The handle 27 is useful as part of the assembly of the present invention for several reasons. First of all, it makes it much easier to hold nail clippers 11. This is

especially useful when trying to cut an infant's finger nails where positioning of the nail clipper is critical. Handle 27 includes a forward portion 30a, a transition portion 41, and a hand graspable portion 30, which portions 30a, 41, and 30 are preferably rounded. The forward portion 30a extends forward approximately to the blades 24, is smaller in cross-section than the hand graspable portion 30, and houses ~~also can function to support~~ a light source 26, such as a light bulb or LED and a battery 28, as well as associated wiring and a switch 29. ~~Handle 27 has a~~ The hand graspable portion 30 ~~which~~ is large enough to support a user's fingers on one side and palm on the other side. This frees the user's thumb for operation of operating lever 25 in a very comfortable manner. ~~The hand graspable handle 30 preferably extends upwardly as shown at reference character 41 in Figure 2~~ transition portion 41 transitions between the forward portion 30a and the hand graspable portion 30 as shown in Figure 2, and cooperates with the forward portion 30a to provide a resting place for a user's index finger proximal to and just behind the blades 24 as shown in Figure 3. The portion 41 is preferably a smooth upwardly and forwardly sloping transition between portions 30a and 30 to provide a comfortable resting place for the user's index finger. ~~Handle 30~~ 27 is preferably injection molded and has provisions for opening for replacement of the battery or bulb/LED.

### **In the Figures**

FIG. 2 has been amended to add element number 30a for the forward portion of the handle and element number 30 for the hand graspable portion of the handle.